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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has one of the lowest doctor-patient ratio in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any plan to reduce this ratio?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. As per the Medical Council of India, doctor population ratio for allopathic doctors is about 1 : 1800.However, if the number of qualified practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy, which is about 6 lakh, is taken into account the ratio is comparable with that of other developing countries.